

Woodstock June 1<sup>st</sup> 705

Dearest Bernard.

I was so glad to get your letter, & to hear such good news. I am relieved to hear that Victor is to work in your air, & I sh<sup>d</sup> fancy that he c<sup>d</sup> do much better to have out of town also, when July comes, & recreate himself with books or make some acquaintance with the colony of summer dwellers at Sp. Bruno.

Have very satisfactory too your intercourse with Sir Thos. - You are now ~~reaping~~ reaping some of the benefit of bleedings being so very kind & patient yourself with all kinds of inquirers - & certainly the country must be full of people to whom you have given a hand in one way or another - & this the boys will find out if they knock about the country much.

Bernard & Lois will I have no  
doubt - steady better without V -  
& it is coming nearly to their  
last days - Here the weather has  
been much cooler for several  
days, & I daresay you have the  
same which will encourage  
study - I am sorry that it will  
not seem quite right - but I am  
sure Clare will give him a big  
dose of medicine, & that will  
probably set him right - He cald  
so much that it is not surprising  
that he sh<sup>d</sup> go wrong once in a  
way -

O. Dear Mrs. Tolson! Miss Hill's  
death must have been a ter-  
rible shock - for she has known  
her for such a very long time  
& notwithstanding any little  
worries - Miss H.'s tranquil &  
wise presence must have been  
a great comfort & also made a  
family to come back to & to go  
out from - & I am glad that  
Helen was there - she will probably  
find her of more support, than  
Miss McLean - as to what it



may bring to us - I do not think<sup>2</sup>  
of it - as it will be true  
enough when it comes - & the  
immediate future seems to  
be settled - I only hope that  
Mrs M - will not want to  
come to meet before July 1<sup>st</sup> &  
if she says anything about  
moving things - you might ad-  
vise her leaving it till fall  
when she sh<sup>d</sup> be rested, & able.

The drives here are endless  
& most beautiful - you would  
enjoy this place - from many  
points of view - It is so settled  
& prosperous, & all the farmers  
so educated & intelligent, the  
schools so good - The postal de-  
livery going to all the back  
country farms or being left  
near them in small metal  
boxes nailed on a post - The  
roads are good, the scenery  
beautiful - I hear that the  
pneumonia have spread over  
the country from the Bellin's

farm, & the nests or young  
brands are often found in the  
hay-fields - the winter does  
not seem to harm them.

I am sorry the Billings are  
not coming to their house till  
the 7<sup>th</sup> but we hear that Mr  
& Mrs Bridges may come any  
day so I may see them.

Mother I think has decided  
to leave Monday - so unless I  
send further pieces, we will  
keep to that. I am not anxious  
to have mother long at 295 for  
she eats so little of any ordinary  
food - no meat, no eggs - rarely  
any fruit - mainly cereals &  
fish, or a cream of ham, or  
some queer thing - I am persua-  
ded that it is not what she eats  
but her own state of the time.  
Yesterday she had bags of fresh  
doughnut & put a lot of butter  
on each bite - Think of it - but  
it will be difficult to do for her  
in our house - & I think if we  
leave Monday she will go to mother's



say Friday evening - or at  
latest the following Monday  
a fine shower is just  
coming down - good for both  
roads & country -

Love to all - especially  
your dear old self -

Amen

The war news is amazing  
The Spanish Armada over  
again, & if it is true that the  
Army is revolting, the war  
must end. But I do hope that  
England & America will not in-  
terfere to mitigate Russia's pen-  
ishment, she has prepared it  
for herself - & which she pays as  
a good war indemnity. She  
can quietly regulate her own  
empire.